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Dear Friend,

We are once again coming to that time of year when prospective and returning students need to finance their upcoming year of college. Paying for college has always been a difficult process to navigate, and perhaps especially so during these tough economic times.

One of the first steps students and their parents will need to take is to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the U.S.

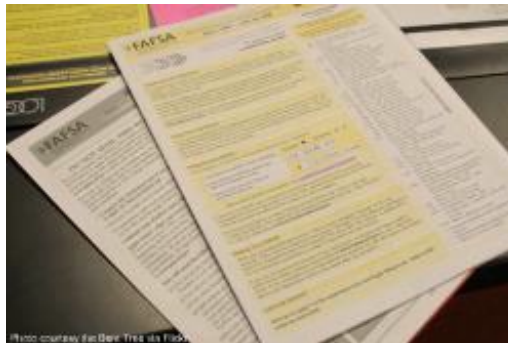
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FAFSA is what the Federal Student Aid office uses to ensure that eligible individuals benefit from federally funded or federally guaranteed financial assistance. Not only is this the first step in securing federal assistance like the Pell Grant, but it is also the basis that most states and schools use when awarding financial aid.

California's deadline for filing the FAFSA is March 2, 2009. It is important that you submit the FAFSA as soon as possible since some aid is allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To begin your electronic application, please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students and parents filing an electronic application will need to apply for a PIN in order to sign documents online and access personal records. You can apply for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. Once you are ready to fill out the FAFSA, have your driver's license, Social Security number, 2008 tax returns (for student and parents), and 2008 W-2 forms on hand. However, if you haven't filed your tax return yet, still begin the FAFSA application. Don't wait until after you do your taxes. You can file the FAFSA with 2007 tax information before the March 2 deadline and then submit corrections by a September 15, 2009 deadline.

Although it can be an overwhelming process, if you have all the necessary information gathered together before you start you can finish in about an hour. If you have any



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questions about the FAFSA process, please feel free to call my Gold River office at (916) 859-9906. Also, please visit my [website](#) for more resources on financing a college education.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Lungren
Member of Congress

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